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SENATOR SYAS: Well I might have it here. I tried to get rid of all my papers as fast as they come. I'm getting like in a drift. I had that one ... that little one ... I had that. How about salaries?

SENATOR BEREUTER: With these six exceptions, it's a ...

SENATOR SYAS: Pardon.

SENATOR BEREUTER: With the six exceptions, it is across the board operating salary, every other expenditure of a state agency that comes out of General Funds. Yes, salaries would be a part of that.

SENATOR SYAS: In other words we've given our state employees a 5% raise and you're going to cut them.

SENATOR BEREUTER: No, the individual salaries would not be cut. The overall budget of an agency, by program, would be cut 3%. That's all.

SENATOR SYAS: That wouldn't reflect in salaries.

SENATOR BEREUTER: No it would not. It may mean that they'll have to take advantage of some vacancy savings, but they might be able to pull it out. In fact that's what I'm asking them to do.

SENATOR SYAS: It wouldn't cut services?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Entirely out of administration I'm asking.

SENATOR SYAS: Well what's administration? Now we're getting into an area that gets pretty jumpy too. Whose an administrator and who isn't? How far down is an administrator before he's an employee? Is a foreman an administrator of a work crew?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Are you wanting me to respond to that?

SENATOR SYAS: I certainly do.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Alright. I'm saying in the prepatory language that you have been given there such reduction shall first be made in administrative operations and related or supportive areas. It's only that general. I can't go below that. I don't want to dictate to them. If they take 10% out of supplies, 3% out of telephones, etc. that is their decision.

SENATOR SYAS: In other words if somebody on supplies goes without a meal now and then that's alright to meet this. That's what you just said.

SENATOR BEREUTER: To the extent practical, such not directly or adversely affect the quality or level of current services.